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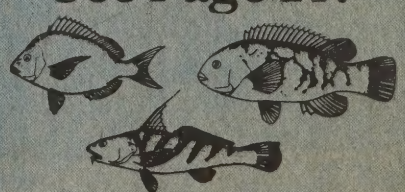

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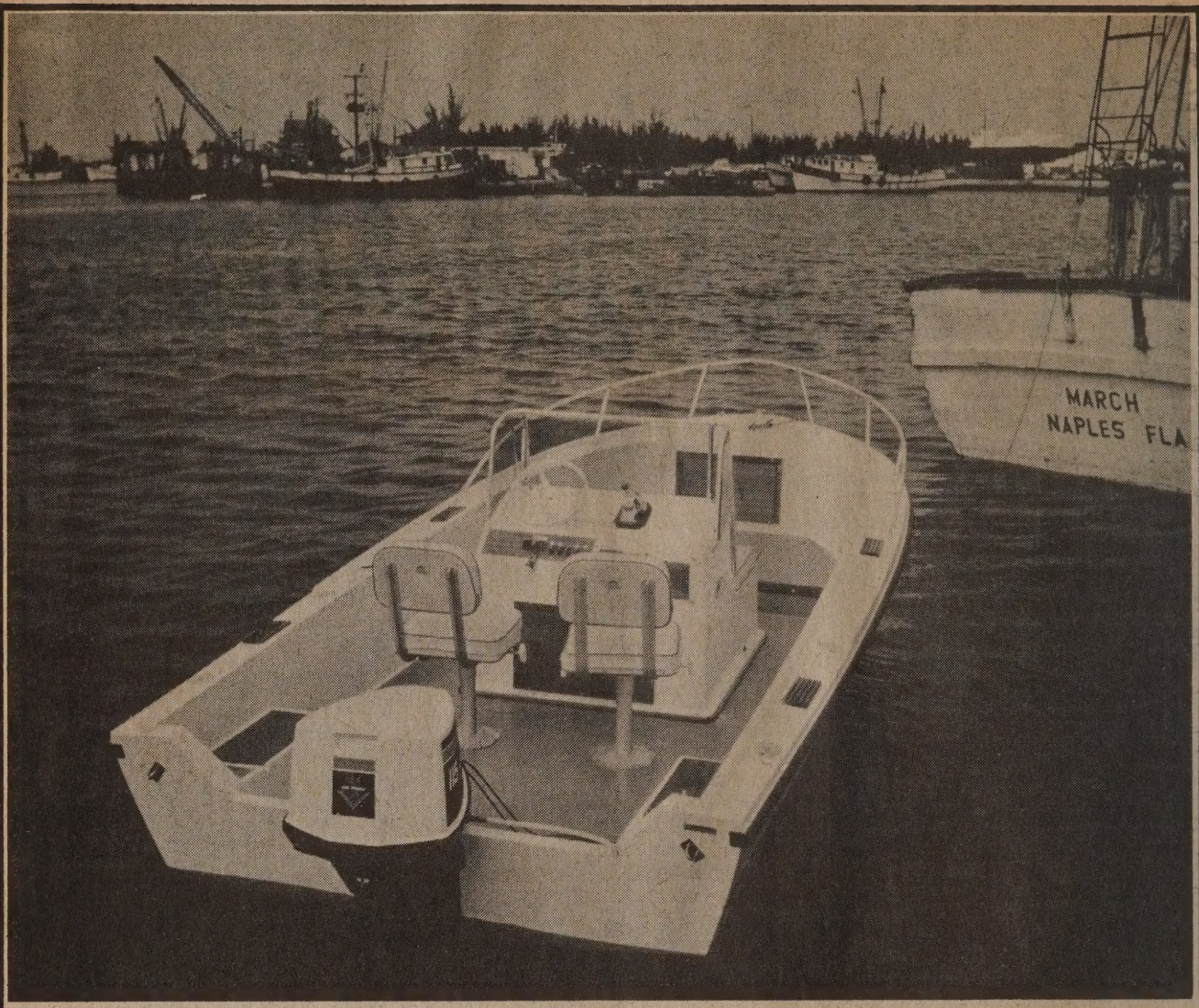

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News Releases

MOVING NUKE PLANT HEARINGS

Public interest groups may suffer a severe setback on the issue of the siting of proposed nuclear plants at Jamesport L.I. Hearing examiner Frederick Suss may move the LILCO hearings to Manhattan or Albany. If this happens, public interest groups would be unable to afford the cost of transportation, and public participation would be squelched.

Suss cited lack of public interest as the reason for moving the hearings. The Long Island Family of Environmentalists, a Long Island wide conservation group, urges all public minded citizens to write to: Dr. Alfred E. Kahn, Chairman N.Y.S. Public Service Commission, 44 Holland Ave., Albany N.Y. 12208. They suggest letting him know you wish the hearings to remain in Riverhead.

9200 ACRES OF SHELLFISH AREA REOPENED

Commissioner Ogden Reid of the State Department of Environmental Conservation today announced the temporary reopening of 9200 acres of Long Island Sound between Peacock Point and Rocky Point in the Town of Oyster Bay to shellfishing, effective August 4, 1975, and continuing through September 16, 1975, inclusive.

"The Department maintains a continuous water-quality surveillance program," Commissioner Reid stated, "which indicates that water quality in this area has improved to the point that shellfish harvesting can be permitted."

Commissioner Reid said that, "Unfortunately, we are not often able to reopen large areas like this, and it gives me a great deal of pleasure to do so in this instance."

"It is my hope," Commissioner Reid remarked, "that as our massive Pure Waters Construction program continues to move forward and more and more sewage discharges in the East River and western Sound receive greater treatment, that we may be able to extend this seasonal opening to a greater part of the year."

All licensed clam harvesters in the Town of Oyster Bay will be notified of this action.

CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

MARLIN & TUNA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Twentieth Annual Long Island Marlin & Tuna Tournament, run by the South Shore Marlin & Tuna Club, was won this year by the Moriches Anglers Club, Inc. The Babylon Tuna Club and South Shore M & T Club tied for second place. The largest fish taken in the tournament was a 21 lb. 14 oz. bluefin tuna, caught by Rich Norton of the Bay Shore Tuna Club. There was only fishing on Saturday—Sunday's fishing was cancelled because of the inclement weather. No swordfish, white marlin or blue marlin were boated. Seven fishing clubs were represented by 41 boats.

FREE FISHING CONTEST

J.J. Burck, Inc. of City Island is holding a fishing contest from now until Sept. 30th. There is no entry fee, just bring the fish in to be registered and weighed. There will be three $25 cash prizes, for the largest bluefish, blackfish and striped bass weighed in by the deadline. Call (212) 885-1559 for further information.

STRIPED BASS ROUND-UP

The Surfside "3" Tuna Club is organizing a striped bass round-up that will be open to all. For further information, write to: Striped Bass Round-up, Surfside "3" Tuna Club, 854 So. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, L.I. 11757.

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FISHING TRIP CONTEST

The person with license number 187 BVS failed to call by the deadline, so this week there is no winner of the Litter Box Contest. Next week's winner will receive $20 plus two tickets on an open boat. For information on how you may participate in the contest see page 9.

Chum Lines

Porgy Baits

In the article "Porgy Fishing" by Scott Simons in Issue Number 28, Scott said "to cut the bait to the size of the right pinky joint because it will outfish bait cut to the size of the left pinky joint." My questions are obvious: One, where was this bit of knowledge obtained and two, what about the difference in the size of people's hands? *C Quint, Amity*

It has been common knowledge among a secret fraternity of fishermen for many years about the left and right pinky joint pecularities, but there has never been any reason discovered as to why. It's just one of those phenomena that keeps fishing interesting. Why do eels that squirm their bodies left to right work on big bass while right to left eels go fishless? Why does the wind always increase twenty knots whenever L.I.F. ad manager, Stu Miller gets within 500 yards of the water? Why do you hate sharks? Scott Simons.

The Great White Shark Controversy

I would like to respond to the letters your readers wrote commenting on my article, "The Great White Shark Mystery."

The point I was trying to make is that there is sufficient scientific evidence, I believe, to destroy the myth of a "recorded 36½ foot great white shark. Those great white sharks reported in the scientific literature do not approach that length. The largest one I was able to find a reference to was in a 1898 Bulletin, of the United States National Museum (Washington D.C.), and it was estimated as being "about 30 feet long." This specimen was dead (cause of death unspecified) and its stomach contents analyzed.

I did not mean to suggest that specimens of great white sharks never exceed 30 feet; simply that specimens of this length have never been documented by scientists. Certainly, professional fishermen spend more days per year on the water than most marine scientists and are more likely to encounter giant size great white sharks in their natural habitats. Estimating the length of a fish in the water is a tricky business, but if your boat is dwarfed by the shark, as in the case of reader Sandy Festa, you're on pretty solid ground with your estimate. The unfortunate thing is these sightings and estimates never get into the literature because they fall into the

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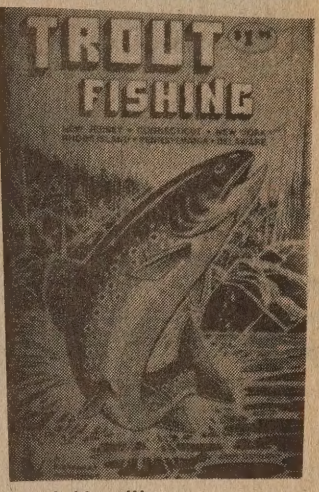

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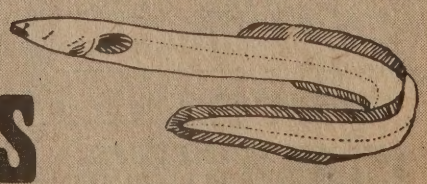

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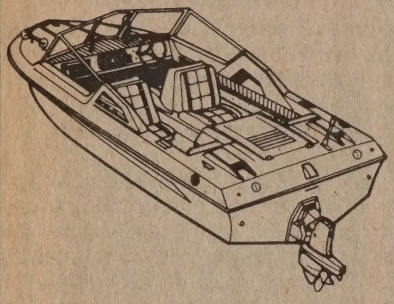

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category of anecdotal evidence as the size cannot be documented. Consequently, the amount of confirmed body size data existing within the scientific community represents only a small percentage of the total knowledge that professional fishermen have.

Since writing the "Great White Shark Mystery" back in the spring of 1974, I have collected length and weight data on 110 documented great white sharks. With the assistance of some mathematicians in my office, this data was fed into a computer which averaged it out using a statistical method known as a polynominal regression analysis. The result was a best fit curve for the input data points. The computer then solved the equation for this curve and extrapolated it beyond the observed data points. This resulted in a predicted weight of 146,000 pounds for a 36½ foot great white shark.

I am not particularly satisfied with the results of this analysis for a number of reasons, all of which are too complex to describe here. However, it is clear that the great white shark length to weight ratio is not a constant; rather this relationship is an exponential one. I do now know what mathematical techniques reader Edward Pakstis used, but the trend shown by my 110 specimens clearly indicates that an estimate of 9,325 pounds for the 36½ footer is far too low.

I am still working on this problem, and the mathematicians assisting me (some of whom are avid fishermen and LIF readers) believe the accuracy of predicting weight as a function of length can be significantly improved. When I finally arrive at a length to weight curve that overcomes the problems I have alluded to, I certainly won't keep the results a secret.

I have more than two years invested in this project, and probably have compiled more great white shark data than any other single source, including the Museum of Natural History in N.Y., and the Mote Marine Laboratory Sarasota, Florida (Directed by Dr. Perry Gilbert, former chairman of the Shark Research Panel). These institutions, and others, have assisted in me in my investigation and have expressed much interest in seeing my final results.

Your readers, especially those who specialize in shark fishing, could assist me greatly by providing additional data. I'm interested in the measured length, weight, and girth of any size great white whark.

Dr. H. David Baldridge, research associate at the Mote Marine Laboratory, has written an excellent book entitled, "Shark Attack: A Program of Data Reductions and Analysis", based upon 1165 shark attack investigations conducted by the Shark Research Panel.

This book is available for $4. The address is Mote Marine Laboratory, 9501 Blind Pass Road in Sarasota Florida. *Robert H. Schaefer*

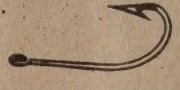
Tag A Shark

The current high interest in sharks, primarily because of the movie "Jaws" has increased interest in shark fishing, but many of the sharks caught and brought to shore are killed and wasted.

Instead, the American Littoral Society suggests that sharks caught by fishermen should be either brought to shore for food or released. The Society also encouraged sport fishermen to tag sharks they release so more can be learned about shark life histories.

The Littoral Society provides shark tags for its members, at cost. Tags are also available from John G. Casey, a federal fishery biologist and authority on sharks, who is at the National Marine Fisheries Service Laboratory at Narragansett, R.I.

The Littoral Society is making special efforts to convince shark tournament directors that tag-and-release programs should be organized so that scientific data on sharks can be collected.



CLUB NEWS

SALTY FLYRODDERS

Ken Bay will be the featured speaker at the August 4th meeting of the "SALTY" Flyrodders of New York, Inc. to be held in the lower hall of the Grace Lutheran Church, 31-20 21st Avenue, Astoria, L.I., at 8:00 P.M.

He will have a slide show and discussion of the most productive slides from all different regions.

Mr. Bay is the well known author of "Salt Water Flies" and recognized authority in what's best to use where. His slides will be grouped by regions to better illustrate the different trends.

Our regularly featured Fly Tyers Corner will start the meeting and after the coffee and cake break, if time permits, we will also show a movie on fishing the offshore oil rigs.

This should be a very interesting and informative meeting and is open to the public.

Whiting Evans

The Casting Gourmet

More About Doggies; Swordfish & Tuna Recipes

In a former issue of the Long Island Fisherman I told of an experience I'd had at Montauk when I happened to see a truck filled with fish of all kinds. Among them was a considerable load of dog fish. I asked the driver what he was going to do with them. He replied, "To Fish and Chips; where do ya think?" I do not retract upon the accuracy upon what I heard; but I do want to correct the implication that "doggies" are used for the fish and chips in Arthur Treacher's magnificent restaurants.

A short while ago I received a letter—passed on to me from the LIF—which had been written by the chief counsel representing Arthur Treacher's culinary interests. In no way did he depreciate the value of a dog fish as an edible commodity but he did want to correct my report that these fish were used in any of Arthur Treacher's establishments. In no uncertain terms he wanted it understood that his client used only the finest and freshest white fish which the government of Iceland supplied to them by contract.

Several individuals had spoken to me of what I had written concerning doggies being used at AT's. Each one told me he didn't care what fish was used because whatever they were, the end result was a gourmet's delight.

Somewhat by way of vindication for myself, on Wednesday, July the 16th, the New York Times devoted almost an entire page to the subject of sharks and in one item the writer stated that in Great Britain the dog fish was highly esteemed and served as the most generally used fish in all "Fish and Chips" emporiums.

Baked Swordfish with White Wine

Of all the fish that swim in any ocean, the swordfish (technically known as Xiphias gladius Linnacus) or broadbill swordfish, as far as I am concerned, is without a doubt the most exciting, formidable adversary of them all. For the first time in quite a few years the broadbill is once again fairly numerous in the waters off the eastern end of Long Island. Several fortunate and able fishermen—among them Ed Murray in his "Cookie"—have taken as many as three in one day. In all the many years that I have sought these superlative game fish, I have baited well over one hundred but have hooked and boated only two. My first weighed 225 pounds and the second—343½ pounds. I believe that my guess concerning the number of swords taken on rod and reel to be under two thousand—in the history of fishing—can be substantiated.

Not only is he hard to find, difficult to hook, easy to lose and a fighter in the number one category, but his flesh is just plain gorgeous. I don't recommend fancy recipes for this fish. His own flavor is delightful enough.

For each serving, use an 8 to 9 ounce thin slice of broadbill swordfish. Salt and pepper it to your taste and let it stand ½ hours. Then butter it and place in a heavy baking pan. Now, pour ½ cup of white wine (preferably, Chablis), the juice of one lemon and 3 tablespoons of water around the fish. Sprinkle with paprika and bake in a hot oven (500 degrees) for about 10 minutes. Remember that this recipe is for just one person.

Tuna

It's really a shame to see a wasted tuna on any dock. School tuna up to 100 pounds can make delicious eating. But, somehow, the giant blue fin tuna has never tickled the palates of those living in the western hemisphere. On the other hand, Orientals and in particular the Japanese find the giant tuna as food from Heaven itself. They prepare it in thin, raw slices marinated in a sauce (the recipe for which I would most appreciate having if any of my readers happen to be acquainted with it.) In Japan, I am told that they pay as much as fifteen dollars per pound for it.

Whenever I'm fortunate to catch a school tuna however, after removing its viscera and head I carefully cut the the tuna into four segments—longitudinally. As you probably know, a tuna's bone structure is in the shape of a cross. The central back-bone has bones extending from it vertically and horizontally. After you have cut the meat from the bones you will find that the meat which had lain next to the bones is dark red in color. This dark meat I cut away and discard. (If you have cats or dogs, this dark meat would please them very much and would be even more nutritious then the whiter, pinker meat.) That which is left will be much lighter in color.

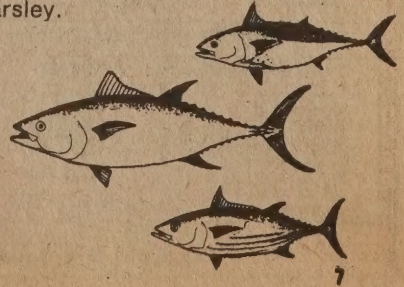
Preparing Tuna for Salads

My wife Erna boils this pink meat in salted water and when done, takes it out of the water and adds some olive oil to the meat. You can keep this cooked meat in your refrigerator for some time and you can freeze the remainder and use it any time you please. We much prefer this fresh tuna to that which is called "tuna" in cans but which is actually albacore. It makes a lovely, tasty salad.

Tuna Provencal

2 pounds thick fresh tuna steaks
¼ cup salad oil
2 tablespoons chopped onion
4 tomatoes, chopped and peeled
2 cloves garlic, chopped
½ cup white wine
½ teaspoon lemon juice
(tie together I stalk celery, 3 sprigs of parsley, 1 bay leaf, a pinch of thyme)
1 tablespoon softened butter or oleo
1½ teaspoons flour
1 tablespoon capers
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Pre-heat the oven to 400 degrees. After browning the fish on both sides in the salad oil, sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Remove the fish to a baking dish about 9 x 9 x 2 inches but do not wash the skillet. Add the tomatoes, onion, garlic, wine, lemon juice and that which you've tied together. Bake for about 25 minutes or until the fish flakes easily. Place the fish on a heated platter and discard the celery, etc. Pour the sauce into the skillet over heat; then add the butter creamed with the flour and bring to a boil stirring constantly. Pour sauce over the fish and add the capers and parsley.



Surf Side

with Doc Muller

Oops, Where Did That Come From?

The New York metropolitan waters are not, shall we say—pristine? Wherever ten to twenty million people gather there has to be junk and most of the time the debris is just another nuisance. But sometimes.....

In the summer there are places where a guy can pick a few fish at night because the fish move through the area on their way from their daytime haunts to their night haunts or vice versa. Of the thousand of fish that may use that swim-way each day you may only fool an occasional dummy, but it's a way to keep the action going.

I arrived on the beach at flood high and I started to work the water as the tide ebbed. I had a feeble hit but dropped the fish and so I kept walking. The night was calm and I could easily see the baitfish moving about.

But suddenly I noticed something different. It looked like the water was moving rapidly ahead. It must be wind I told myself because I knew that there were no tide rips along this stretch of beach.

Upon investigation it proved to be a rip indeed and the water boiled and churned spinning the baitfish in helpless tumbles. My pulse rose sharply because I knew what this could mean. A tide rip right in the path of the swim-way. Surely the fish would stop to feed at least for part of the tidal period. The rip was about a cast off the beach and it headed at an angle into deeper water. It was very narrow and it would be difficult to keep the plug in productive territory.

I made twelve casts before I hit a small fish but then I had three in a row before the rip disappeared. I looked around carefully and I tried to figure out what changes in the area had created this rip where there was none before, but there were no signs of a new bar.

Each night that I returned the rip became larger and wider and I took more and more fish. It is not uncommon to have consistant weather patterns during the summer and so this particular year we had relatively calm hot weather for several weeks.

I took fish every night that period when the outgoing tide coincided with solid hours of darkness. Still, I was disturbed that I had not as yet discovered what made this particular rip make-up. About a week and a half after I had found the rip there was an unusually big tide drop and I fished till the bottom of it. There it was, visible finally for all to see—a bed spring! that's right, a bed spring.

Somehow, and I can't explain how it got there, the bed spring came to rest on a piece of bottom that was ever so slightly higher than the surrounding terrain. Quickly, the moving water deposited sand over some of the coils and it was well anchored in the sediment. Furthermore, branches and old water logged wood collected in the wire framework making the obstruction more and more resistant to the force of the moving water and therefore causing more and more sand to build up around its base. In fact a bar was forming in response to the changes in the movement of the water that were created by the presence of this bedspring. That explains why the rip grew larger and larger with each day and why the fishing became more and more productive.

But a thing like this surely wouldn't last long. The "bedspring rip" could be easily destroyed by wind, or a passing troller could snag it and dislodge it, and of course sooner or later the corrosive effects of the salt water would eat it away until so little remained that the attached debris would be carried away.

Two weeks after that observation the rip was gone and so ended one of the hottest streaks of surf fishing that I have had. The bedspring was no where to be found and the prevailing water currents had returned the sands to their original configuration.

Since that first experience I have had several others. There was the outboard motor in the Peconics which drew bluefish like flies to honey, and the row boat that became filled with water and sunk in shallow water after a northeast storm. The owners didn't feel that it was worthwhile to pull that old relic out and so it sat attracting baitfish and this also the bass and blues for an entire season.

Good fishing that's created by the chance deposition of "junk" is very temporary and the wise angler works them hard until the area changes. The principle is not new. Trout fishermen deposit along a bend in the stream or river to create riffles or make a hole larger by retarding the flow of water behind the rock dam.

What fishermen hasn't had a favorite bridge span complete with barnacles, eddies, and shadow lines to enhance his fishing. Artificial reefs are created for the single purpose of creating good fishing where there was none before. These examples are more permanent than the ones that I have lucked into over the years, but it is not there permanence that attracts the fish. Rather, they represent dramatic differences in the terrain, an oasis in the desert and a place where baitfish seem to congregate and where moving water is detoured in oblique directions forming boiling churning water that is a great hunting ground for predatory fish.

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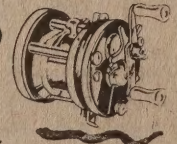

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Clam Chumming For Stripers Part One

Anchor at a local bass haunt, squeeze the juices of clam bellies into the water, put a whole clam belly on a hook and feed it out with the current. It sounds simple enough, doesn't it? But let me start off this weeks article with a simple statement—it's not! Never has any fishing technique been written about to give the impression of simplicity, when in actuality it is one of the most difficult to master.

There is one fact about clam chumming that I think few bass men will take odds with—it is the most consistent technique for putting large numbers of bass in the boat. Indeed, many sharpies look down upon chumming because, when done properly, it is actually too easy to take fish. It's effectiveness is attested by the fact that virtually all hook-and-line commercial bass fishermen use chumming as the primary method of taking bass.

I believe that many fishermen have been turned away in frustration from clam chumming for the simple reason that it has been made to seem so easy. They will read about how simple the method is and the fantastic catches being made, purchase a can of bellies with the highest of hopes, work their brains out for a couple of hours and end up with nothing to show for their efforts but a slimey, smelly boat and big bait bill. More than likely, they will be anchored right next to a boat that is also clam chumming and is bailing fish one right after another, which will compound the frustration tenfold and leave the angler disgusted.

Last year when I was really determined to get into clam chumming for bass, I talked to many of the writers for the L.I.F. and other fishermen that I knew were very successful with chum. To my amazement each had his own "this is it, the only absolute method" of clam chumming. No two techniques were exactly the same, and often were as far apart as night and day. What worked for one angler didn't work for the next. What worked on the south shore wouldn't work on the north shore, and neither would produce at Montauk. So we'll run down the entire pot pourri of methods— try each one, or combine two or more for a new method, until you find the technique that produces best for you in your fishing haunts.

There are three aspects of clam chumming for bass—1, chumming technique, 2, bait presentation and 3, chumming location. All are equally important points of a triangle, each relying on and dictated by the other. Collapse one side of the triangle and you'll have nothing in the fish box. The most important (and therefore contraversial) point is the chumming technique employed. One point is agreed upon by all—the boat must be anchored. The fun begins when the methods of feeding the chum into the current is discussed. There are at least five basic methods, and each individual angler will have a slight variation for the one he employs. They are:

1. Squeezed bellies
2. Whole bellies
3. Soup bellies
4. Glob of bellies
5. Pot of bellies

Squeezed bellies is the most popular method—it's also one of the messiest. First, the bellies must be thoroughly defrosted, so don't purchase them frozen an hour before they are to be used—allow at least 12 hours for defrosting at room temperature. Take several bellies in your fist and slowly squeeze, allowing the juices and small bits of meat to trickle into the current. When you lose sight of them, repeat the process. I don't care for this method personally because whoever is doing the chumming has difficulty fishing with one hand when he gets a strike and his other hand is constantly slimey. Messy business!

The second method is to feed whole bellies into the current. Drop one belly in the water, and when sight of it is lost, repeat the process. The bellies should be fed at regular intervals, and one of them will naturally contain your baited hook. I don't believe that this method produces as good a chum slick as the first method because the bulk of the all-important clam juices are confined in the unsqueezed bellies.

The third method is to feed a gob of bellies into the current at regular intervals, but I find two drawbacks to it: obviously, there is always the danger of the bass lieing behind the boat at a great distance, gorging themselves on the free goodies. It also can be prohibitive to the well-budgeted wallet. I was told of one angler who's theory is "if you don't use 3 or 4 cans of clam bellies a tide, you aren't clam chumming." At six dollars a can, you're talking about a lot of bucks.

The fourth method is to put the whole clam bellies into a large chumpot, which is lowered to the bottom. This method starts the slick moving close to the bottom, which is often effective where the fish are deep in a fast running current. It can also be used in combination with one of the other methods, insuring a slick with depth from surface to bottom. The water will quickly wash out the juices from the clams, so pull up the pot every 15 minutes or so to replenish the bellies and insure maintaining an effective slick.

The last method is the one I prefer, but is by no means the "proven" best—soup bellies. The chum may be frozen or partially defrosted. Take an empty chum can and fill it with salt water. Then squeeze the juices out of the clams and squish up the meat into small tidbits. Squeeze enough bellies until the water has the consistency of a thin broth or soup. Feed the soup into the current at regular intervals by means of a soup ladle. which costs about a buck and will last until it is dropped overboard. (Last year I went through four!) I prefer this method to the others because it isn't as messy, requires a small amount of chum and produces a nice, even chum slick.

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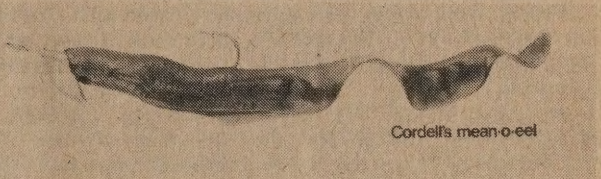

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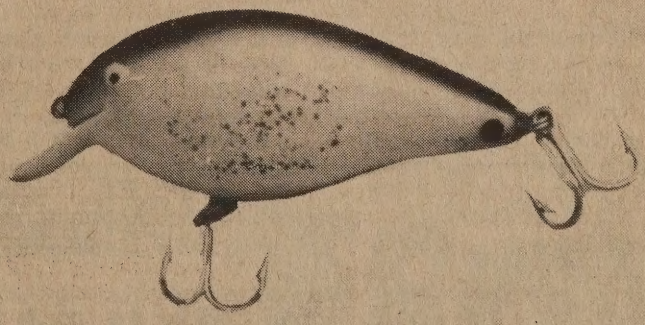

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CROSSING THE BAR with Don Vetter

SAFETY AT SEA

It may be said, without fear of contradiction, that safety at sea begins at dockside in that a boat must be properly equipped in accordance with the law and the dictates of experience before a single line is cast off. That the craft must also be maintained in a manner to assure the proper functioning of every piece of equipment aboard her should go without saying. The seaworthiness of modern craft is above reproach for they are built to proven design, and only through employing a boat in service for which it was never intended can give the lie to the statement.

Unlike driving a car or any other piece of potentially dangerous (if improperly handled) mode of transportation, no license is required to pilot a motorboat. Provided you do not carry passengers for hire, you may, with impunity and perfect legality, take the helm of a 65-foot triple-screw, even if your previous experience afloat is limited to riding on a ferryboat. Since the law is (in my opinion) a bit too tolerant in this respect, it behooves the owner/operator to provide himself with a proper grounding in the fundamentals of seamanship and piloting. Although you may do this on your own careful reading of various informative publications, a better and more substantial way to approach the problem would be to enroll in one of the excellent courses offered by the United States Power Squadrons or The United States Coast Guard Auxilliary.

Assuming a modicum of skill on the part of the operator, the condition of the vessel and its equipment is the next item to bear inspection. Where to begin? Fire and explosion are twin hazards inextricably linked with any machinery employing gasoline as a fuel, due to its volatility and low flash-point. Gasoline fumes are highly explosive and heavier than air; they will find their way to the lowest portion of the bilges and remain there. Since these fumes can only be the result of spillage or leakage, it becomes obvious that an ounce of prevention is worth several pounds of care. In the case of small outboard-powered craft of open construction, all you have to do is remove the portable tank from the boat for filling and be sure the hose-connections are tight at both the motor and tank ends.

Larger outboards, I/Os and inboards, in fact any decked-over craft with built-in fuel tanks, require extra care in respect to gasoline vapors. Make periodic checks of the fuel lines and connections for signs of leakage, and exercise caution when filling the tank. All electrical equipment must be shut off at the fueling dock and smoking is a "no-no".

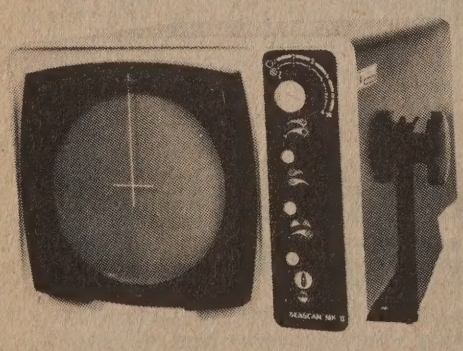
Approved ventilators are required by law, but unless equipped with blowers they only function well when underway. Despite all precautions, vapors may still have found their way into the bilges, and a turn of the key could be all it takes to send you to your eternal reward. If your craft is large enough to make the "nose test" impractical, there are vapor detectors on the market which will do the job for you.

At least two and preferably three anchors should be carried aboard, the heaviest of which should be capable of holding in the strongest gale you are likely to have to ride out. A good bilge pump is a comfort to have aboard, no matter how "dry" your craft is. Depth finders have been discussed as both fisherman's tools and as aids to navigation, but they are also an important safety device. There is one model on the market featuring continuous digital readout and an alarm which sounds when shallow waters are entered. The dink carried astern in davits aboard larger craft may not only serve as a useful tender; it could also serve as a lifeboat in the event of foundering. Such peripheral items as flashlights, flares and first-ait kits should be inspected regularly, and the charge in each fire-extinguisher checked.

Communications are the cornerstone of safety at sea and, on a vast number of smaller craft, the citizen's band (CB) radio is the only communication device aboard. Since no Coast Guard or police agency (generally) monitoring exists on CB, it is at best an indirect means of calling for help.

To editorialize for a moment, I see no reason given the widespread use of these sets) why one of the 23 channels should not be set aside as a recognized distress frequency. This channel could then be monitored by the Coast Guard and marine police, and using the frequency for anything but a distress call would become a violation of the law. Bear in mind that this represents my own personal opinion. At present, 2182 Khz on the marine radiotelephone is the best direct link with help in the event "mayday" is required.

Something new in the field of electronic safety devices is the automatic beacon, designed to float free unaided in the event of a foundering. Required on vessels carrying passen-



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Electrical installations aboard ship are more critical than those ashore which are not subjected to damp salt air, and where there is no danger of a spark igniting gasoline vapors. Inspections of wiring insulation, battery hold-downs and all sudbury switches and connections should be made from time to time. All life-saving equipment requires some care, buoyant cushions with the stuffing coming out of them are not going to help you much, nor is a water-logged kapok life vest going to inspire much confidence; they may suffice, but not as well as if they were stored in a dry place and given proper attention.

Periodic hull inspection may be considered less important in this era of fiberglass, but it is still an essential safety practice. Look for cracks in a glass hull, check caulking, fastenings, ribs and planking in the case of wood. All through-hull fittings must be examined for watertight integrity and underwater fittings such as ground plates, rudders, propellers, struts and skegs for signs of electrolysis. Don't forget stuffing-boxes if you own an inboard.

The engine is the heart of your boat and must be well-maintained to operate at peak effeciency with little fear of breakdown. Whether outboard, inboard or inboard/outboard, this means periodic tune-ups and lubrication. Four-cycle engines must have their crank-cases drained and refilled with recommended viscosity oil at regular intervals. Two-cycle motors must have hypoid gear-lubricant changed, and, in addition, care must be exercised to be sure the oil mixed with the gas is of a cleaning-burning type designed for this use; HD automotive oil leaves ash deposits which can foul even surface-gap plugs.

Regular gasoline of 90 octane is required and should contain lead, particularly for older outboards. Take care of your motor and it will take care of you when the chips are down.

No matter how well-equipped your boat may be or how carefully you maintain that equipment, you cannot have safety at sea without a safety-conscious skipper. In point of fact, the most important piece of safety equipment aboard any boat is the man at the helm.

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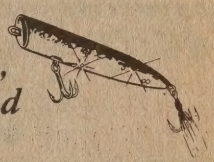

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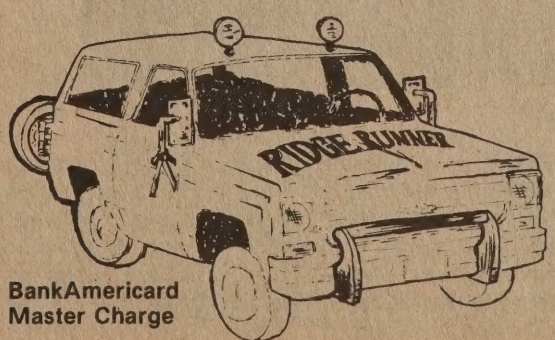

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Deep Blues

by Ron Onorato

One of the more exciting ways to catch bluefish is to cast plugs to a school of surface feeding fish; nothing beats the thrilling smash of a big blue. Unfortunately, the blues are not always in that kind of mood. If baitfish are scarce and hard to come by, the blues have a tendency to stay deep and look for forage. This seems to have been the case for the past several seasons.

When the blues are deep, and you don't want to bother with the chore of chumming, there are two ways that you can get them. The first calls for trolling with wire or lead core line, and the other is deep jigging. Both are productive and can be easily handled by the average fisherman.

When trolling with straight monofilament line, depending upon the weight of the lure, the line rarely goes below the first ten feet of water. The addition of trolling sinkers gets the lure down only a little bit more. Lead core and wire lines, on the other hand, will get the lures down into the zone of deep feeding fish.

Lead core line consists of a braided nylon sheath covering a strand of soft lead wire that is very flexible. For this reason, it is very easily handled by beginning fishermen. It is usually colored-coded every ten yards, thus giving the fisherman an accurate idea of the line out behind the boat. Unfortunately, lead core has a very large diameter for its size and this creates a relatively high amount of resistance in the water, which tends to keep the line higher. When fish are feeding at intermediate zones, lead core line will usually handle the job. Check it occasionally to make certain it is maintaining its strength; it fatigues more quickly than other types of metal line.

Wire line is much more difficult to use, but its finer diameter allows it to slice through the water more easily and work at greater depths. The wire is usually monel or stainless steel, and is sold on 100-yard connected spools. Single strand wire is somewhat springy and hard to manage at first, but after awhile you will get the feel of it.

When the fish are feeding at deeper levels of water, such as 35 or 40 feet, wire line will handle the job. Wire line is not factory marked, so you must use one of the several methods used to indicate lengths on single-strand metal.

There are several things that should be done to insure that both of these line are used properly. Backing should be used with both of these lines. I have found 100 yards of 30 pound dacron to be a good backing. The dacron line is first wound onto the reel of the spool and then connected to the wire or lead by means of the smallest swivel that will pass freely through the smallest guide. The line is then wound on the reel, being careful not to lay the turns parallel to each other. Wire must be cross-wound on the spool or it will dig-in and jam when fighting a fish.

The reel should be equipped with a metal spool so that the pressure of the line won't split the spool. Once the line is on the reel, a 30-foot leader of monofilament is attached to the line by means of a swivel. Again, the swivel should by small enough to pass through all the rod guides.

Any trolling rod can be used with these rods. When using wire, it is advisable that the rod guides be carboloy for wire will easily groove other materials. Lead core line does not cause this problem.

As far as lures go, the most commonly used types are umbrella rigs and long surgical tubes. Hopkins, Kastmasters, Rebel plugs, and bucktails can all be trolled with success. When using the latter, be sure to use a 12-inch wire leader ahead of the lure. If you find that the lures are not working deep enough, you can add trolling sinkers or drails to get the lures deeper. Start with one ounce and work up.

The other method used in getting deep blues is deep jigging, and this is a far more sporting and enjoyable way to fight a fish. You can use reasonably light tackle; there are no drails and great amounts of line to bring in.

Deep jigging consists of jigging a lure at the level of water that contains fish. It had its origin in the South, where deep jigging on reefs, coral

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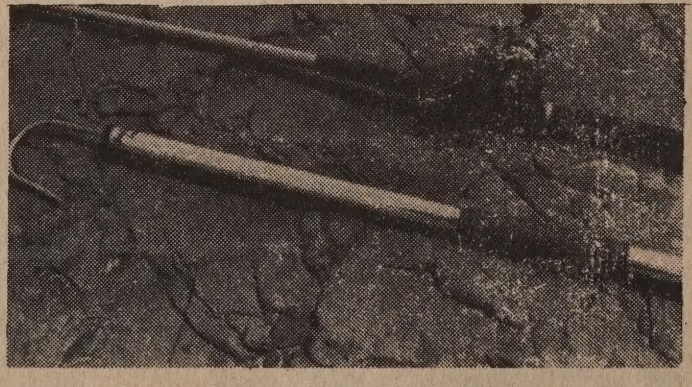

THERE'S NOTHING QUITE as discomforting as a slippery wood or aluminum gaff handle after you've crawled down the front of a jetty. Most gaffs of three feet or longer often lack a much needed extra grip between butt and point. Try cork rod butt tape as a quick add-on grip. Wrap six to eight inches of the gaff handle at a comfortable hand spread and finish the ends with stretch electrical tape (3M is best). The extra grip should make gaffing from jetty or boat easier and safer.

beds, and around offshore oil rigs produced excellent results.

There isn't really too much to the jigging. With the aid of either a paper recorder or graph recorder try to locate the level of water where the blues are. Once you have found it, drop a bucktail jig, diamond or any chromed jig to the bottom. Take in a few feet of line and rapidly lift and lower the rod. After a few seconds, take in some more line and repeat the process until either all levels of water are covered, or you nail a fish. another technique is to let the lure settle to the bottom and reel it to the boat as fast as you can. Often the fish will hit the lure as it is on the way down, and other times you have to work it a bit.

A seven foot rod with a fairly stiff tip is the preferred weapon to use. Conventional tackle is more positive than spinning, for most spinning rods have soft tips which are not best for jigging. The reel should be a high-ratio reel, so that you can get that line up in a hurry; The Penn Jigmaster is an especially good one to use. As far as line goes, I have found no need to go heavier than 15 pound test monofilament—a good grade.

With all these lures, it is advisable to use a wire leader, for the blues will take the lures at all angles. Without the leader you will be donating many lures to the fish.

If you're not equipped with a recorder, you have to use the hit-and-miss method of locating fish. This consists of dropping your jig all the way to the bottom and immediately lift it a few turns and begin jigging. If you don't get a hit, take in a few more turns and jig some more. Continue this procedure until you're back on the top, then drop it back down and start all over again.

If you haven't gotten a hit or a fish after a few cycles of this arm-wearing action, try another location.

If you do get a fish, drop your lure back to that particular level. How do you know what that is? Simple. After you hit bottom when blind-jigging, count the turns of the handle as you jig the lure up. If you took your blue at 35 turns, next time drop your lure to the bottom and raise it 35 turns before you begin jigging, then jig at that level. If a few minutes of this brings you no farther strikes, you caught a stray the first time. Start all over again.

What the blues will do this year is known only to them. Perhaps there will be more surface action and you will rely on these techniques infrequently. Either way, these should be stored in your mind and taken out when conditions warrent their use.

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A Great Way to Save Gas!

by Joey Greco

Lots of guys who own boats and love to fish from them seem to have forgotten about the basic fishing thrills with togetherness for the whole family.

With gas in short supply and rationing possibly coming again, now is the time to think of stretching those gallons now available for our boats and use them on sure-fire big catch fishing runs.

Let's take one step backwards and go back to the more relaxed type of fishing done before owning that fancy cabin job, the sleek, fast "Fisherman" boats, or maybe the small runabout. For just one time, maybe, let's keep it tied to its mooring and try it. All that's needed for a perfect formula for fishing enjoyment is a sunny day, the wife, and kids. If you're single, maybe you can take along your best girl.

Without the boat to tend to, you'd be surprised how that old relaxed feeling comes over you more quickly while fishing from a pier or sea-wall. I'll bet it will bring back lots of old memories—those early days of your first rod and your early, clumsy attempts at fishing. Nobody really outgrows this very basic type of fishing; many great sportsmen return to it now and again just for the fun of it.

As far as equipment is concerned, this can be kept down to a minimum cost. Bamboo poles are not that expensive as to put them out of reach of the family budget. What's good about them is that a two-section pole will suffice a small kid and a three-section would more than satifsy a bigger kid, or maybe even yourself, just to get away from those heavy stiff boat rods for a change. Hooks, line, float, fresh bait and a pack of split shots—about a #5 to be pinched onto the line about 14 inches above the hook. Maybe a crab trap just to round out the gear. Blue claw crabs always provide excitement on a sea-wall. The screaming of the kids will attest to that.

The day was—as in most adventure stories—one most beautifully sunny summer day. I telephoned my nephew Andrew, and asked him if he would like to join me and my wife, Ginny, and go fishing and crabbing at the sea-wall of Shore Blvd. He said "Great!" I suggested he bring the wife and kids. We picked Sunday as the day I would meet him in front of his house at about 8 a.m.—a civilized time of the morning for kids and me too.

Ginny and I got there and blew the car horn. I just wasn't 100 percent convinced about it's being a great idea taking the small kids along. When down the stairs they came, right away I spotted my other nephew in with the rest. This one is an Indian and a half. Now we have three kids and two wives on our hands. I felt maybe I should make up some good excuse to get out of it— like my house is on fire and I have to go back to put it out, or something.

They all got into his car, Thank God, and followed us down to the bay. After buying the bait, two bags of spearing and five skimmer clams, we also picked up a couple of bamboo poles and a crab trap. Now we were ready for the early Snappers.

On arrival I took charge of setting up the bamboos and crab trap with bait. For the trap we used mackerel. In no time at all it seemed everything was ready to go. Ginny and I used our ultra-light rods with small, open-faced reels, but the same terminal tackle that was made up for the kids' poles. I showed them how to mount the spearing, just behind the dorsal or top fin, and try to hide the hook, a #4 Aberdeen. Ginny, Andrew and I used skimmer clams.

Surprisingly, Anthony, the Indian, is transposed as if by magic into a mature-speaking little gent acting like a grown up person. He takes a handful of spearing and goes off to the side as if to do some real serious fishing. I can hardly believe my eyes!

Andrew's little daughter wrapped her arms around my leg and was content just holding on to it. His wife, Maria, stretched out in the sun on aluminum lounger. It looked like all was quiet on the waterfront.

Well, all of a sudden, comotion and pandemonium, Oh-Gees! One kid, not to mention a name, throws his pole into the water because he isn't catching fish. Boy! What patience he has. It's a good thing bamboo floats. I went over and fished it out of the water and said to myself, "If this is an example—Oh, boy!".

Ginny decided to join Maria laying in the sun, to darken up her already tanned face: two down. The little girl Andrea runs over to them: three down. I wonder who's next? So I decided to show the kids exactly what to do to catch a fish.

"Now, watch closely and I'll show you how it's done. Grip the rod firmly, then lower the tip. Gently raise it and kinda point it in the direction you want the float to land. After it lands on top of the water, keep your eyes glued to it. If it takes a nose-dive, give a little pull on the pole, you got a fish—with a little luck, a big one. Now try that a few times, kids!"

I was just about to turn to go back to my own spot when "No! No!—not like that, Andrew! Stop whipping your pole up and down like that! It's making

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He gave a big yank on his pole and --ZZIP!--out comes a snapper flying through the air at about 95 miles per hour. It arches through the air and into a nearby tree and dangles from a branch. I guess this way of getting fish hasn't any class or finesse, but for him it works fine.

My nephew, Andrew, decides he'll take a check of the crab trap and see if any accidently stumbled in. With what seemed to be endless tugs and heaves on the clothes line, finally up it came. Inside, trying to get out by grabbing onto the wire mesh of the trap and shaking it like heck, is the biggest, meanest blue claw ever. The trap is set onto the concrete walk and it falls open.

Well! Out comes this fierce monster willing to take on all-comers. The kids screamed and ran off in all directions; the women, upon hearing all this comotion, were up and out of those chairs and jumping around themselves. Right away, I called over to my friend Arnie, the fearless, tall Norwegian who was fishing nearby. He came over and made short work of him. Crabs aren't running too good this day, but we managed to catch three.

To the surprise of everyone, as soon as the action of catching fish became more frequent, the kids were like aces. Thery were well-behaved, quiet, and even baited their own hooks. When they caught a fish—Oh my ears! The screaming, yelling and laughter; but all this soon became music to them. By now everyone was in good humor and having fun. This is the stuff memories are made of.

Lunchtime was met with appetites so ravenous that the sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs, cookies and soda quickly disappeared. I guess the fresh sea air and being outdoors really sharpened their hunger.

These kids, who had never caught much in the way of fish before, were back to their spots as soon as they stuffed the last of the cookies into their pockets to munch on as they fished. I looked over to Anthony, then walked over to look at his catch and was happy he was doing great with four fish in his bucket. This Indian really made me proud when he said, "Uncle Joe, going fishing with you really makes me feel like I'm grown up." Now I'm on cloud nine. GEEZ! It seemed the fish actually liked being caught just to make the kids so happy. Every small snapper being hauled up was being greeted with yells and howls.

The time seemed to fly by; before we knew it my nephew said it was time they left for home and household chores. Ginny and I decided to stay a little while longer. We helped them with their gear into the car.

After putting their catch, in a plastic bag, about 12 snappers and three crabs, I asked if any of the kids wanted to stay. Tired kids peered at me from the windows of the car, so we said our "so-longs."

After they left, a lot of the fun seemed to have gone with them. We still caught fish, but the yells and smiles were gone. Ginny and I moved nearer to our fishing buddy, Arnie, and other friends, but even their good company didn't seem to compare to the fun those kids gave us. We all agreed it was some surprise to experience how kids behave themselves when they are doing something they really like.

After dumping out the water from our bucket, our snapper count was only 20, but what fun each one was to catch. As we gathered up our rods and gear, getting them ready to be put into the car, Arnie asked when we would be back to the sea-wall, since we probably would want to rest up after having the kids on our hands. After having such a great day my answer was as soon as I can make it, with weather permitting and God willing.

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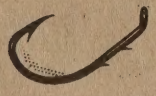

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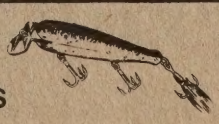

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Kingfish

by Matt Ahern

If you're like me, I'm sure you enjoy reliving outstanding fishing experiences. When I'm in that daydreamy half-world, I often recall my first kingfish with cherished remembrance.

It was caught one beautiful May morning while flounder fishing near the Atlantic Beach bridge. I was a kid in knee pants at the time and had never hooked any fish that resisted so strongly. When that finny bit of dynamite belted my bloodworm bait with its rod bending blow, I knew immediately that whatever was causing all the rukus down there was more than likely to get the better of the arguement if given half a chance.

Not only was it my first kingfish, but it scaled 3½ pounds and still remains the largest I've caught to date. Since then, many kingfish have gone into my fish bucket, including an occasional two and three pounder, but none have etched themselves so deeply on my fishing heart as this first one.

It's a shame that kingfish don't attain the heavier weights of such fish as stripers and blues. Fishermen who catch these scrappers will surely agree that were this so, kingfish would be the most sought after fish on Long Island. Anglers are often amazed at the strength and stamina packed into so small an adversary.

This isn't to say kingfish don't reach a respectable size. Surf caught kings will occasionally reach three and four pounds—six pounders have been caught, but the average, whether caught in the surf or bays, is about a pound or a little better, depending on time of year. What they lack in size, is more than made up by their determination to stay in the water.

For the fishermen who have never caught kingfish and would like to give them a try, be assured they are not difficult to catch. Most kings are caught incidental to other fishing, but if you rig with these fish in mind, your chances of success are excellent.

Any light to medium spinning rod is ideal for fishing the bays and other sheltered areas, either from shore or boat. Should the current be strong, as when fishing in channels and near ocean inlets, it is advisable to use a medium-weight rod. These conditions often call for bank sinkers running at least three ounces, which puts a strain on lighter tackle and cuts down on the fun. In most other places, though, a two ounce sinker will do the trick. Use a matching reel of good quality and fill it with ten pound test monofilament.

For fishing the surf, it's best to use a spinning rod made for surf fishing. Your matching reel should be filled with fifteen pound test mono. The conventional surf rod and reel can be used, of course, but more fun and ease of fishing is obtained by using spinning equipment.

I find the best hook to be a regular-shanked 1/0 claw or beak-type. Many kingfish are caught each year on ordinary flounder hooks, but better results are had by using the larger size. Kingfish, having no air or swim bladder, must continuously be on the move else they sink. This causes them to sock the bait with a sharp blow. When using the regular-shanked hook, they are able to inhale it in one swoop, thereby assuring a hooked fish.

Some fishermen like to use a number six regular-shanked hook instead of the recommended larger 1/0. The choice is yours, but it isn't advisable to go below this in size.

If there is any secret to catching kingfish, it has to be in the exclusive use of fresh bait. Kings will take sand and bloodworms, sand preferred, squid, shrimp, small speaking and any tipe of clam. The fresher, the better. Don't use dead or tired worms; they'll catch few kingfish. Frozen baits, such as squid, spearing or clams are okay, providing they are used immediately after thawing. When these baits become too soft to keep on the hook, kingfish will refuse to strike.

Kings have small mouths, but they can easily except a thinly sliced bait one and a half to two inches in length. Just be sure to allow at least a quarter-inch to trail in the current. More fish will be caught if the point of the hook is exposed, especially when using clam or squid bait.

When fishing the bays, two hooks can be used with satisfactory results; it isn't unusual to catch double-headers occasionally when the fish are feeding well. These two hooks should be tied tandem-style by folding the snell of one hook at its middle and placing it through the knotted loop of the second. This one is then put through the fold of the first hook, drawn up tightly and secured with an overhand knot. This takes but seconds and insures your hooks being on bottom when placed on a medium-sized three-way swivel tied in two inches above the sinker.

When surf fishing, I've had better results by using just one hook snelled to a two foot, twenty pound test leader. This should be placed about three inches above a three or four ounce pyramid sinker, again with the aid of a three-way swivel. Any other type sinker is apt to be tossed about by wave action and undertow. The pyramid's design enables the sinker to dig into the sand and hold against any normal surf action.

Kingfish give a smashing strike and it is seldom necessary to set the hook. Should a king miss the hook, leave it lie quietly. If there's bait left, and there usually is, the fish will return a few seconds later for a second look. Should there be no takers after a reasonable lapse of time, start your retrieve with a slow movement. Often this entices a wary fish to strike.

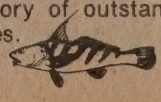
Look for kingfish wherever hard sand bottom exists in moderately deep water. Best depths are from ten to fifteen feet. Ocasionally, they are caught over mud and mussel bottom, but these are not choice areas. Look for sand and you'll be more successful.

Reynold's Channel from Jones Inlet west to Deb's Inlet is fertile kingfish water. Fire Island, Moriches and Shinnecock inlets all have kingfish in varying numbers. The closer you fish to these inlets, the more kingfish you will find. The best time to fish these places is during August, especially the latter half.

Big and Little Peconic bays harbor many kingfish. A good spot is the Peconic side of the Shinnecock Canal. Here the angler can fish from the jetty or cement walk. Bring extra terminal tackle when fishing here as some areas are quite "sticky". Sandworms and squid are the preferred baits here.

Kingfish are fine eating. Larger ones can be turned into mouthwatering filets. The smaller ones are best pan-fried, using your favorite recipe.

Most kingfish leave our waters soon after Labor Day, so if you want real fun from a fighting fish, get out there soon. You are sure to add kingfish to your memory of outstanding fishing experiences.



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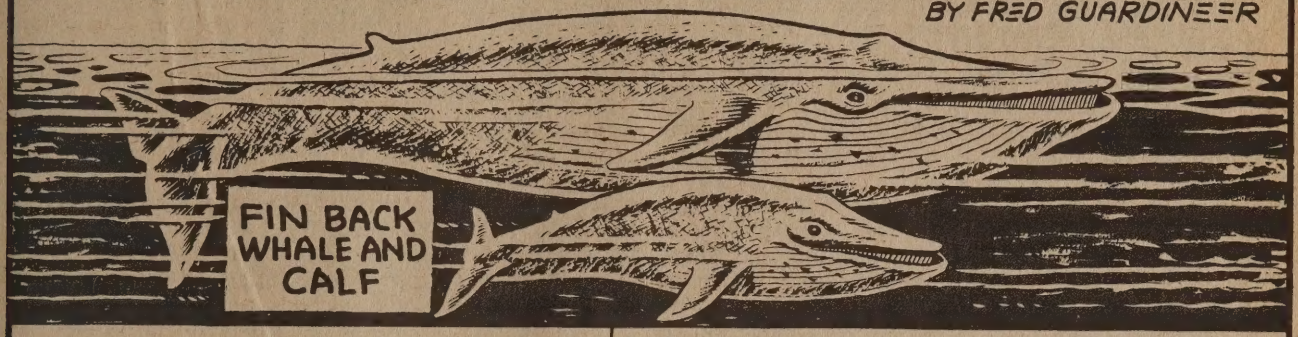

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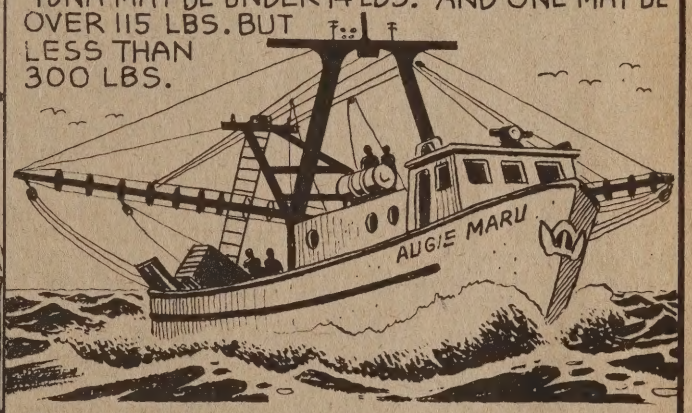

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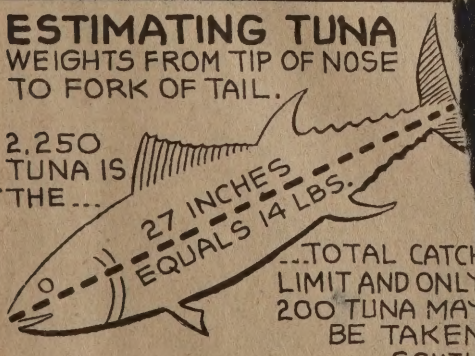

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Montauk is now experiencing one of the best fishing for the month of July in years. Fluke are excellent in the rips and on the south side, porgies are large and plentiful wherever a baited hook is dropped, small bluefish are thick along both sides of the point, jumbo bluefish are stacked up at the Submarine Buoy for trollers and diamond jiggers, swordfish are being spotted offshore, sharks are super-abundant and giant tuna are being taken by the offshore boats. The only species not up to par is the striped bass, but there is an occasional lunker being taken.

Capt. Ronnie Grandinetti of the charterboat **Jullie II** and a party of three fished on Saturday and Sunday caught 82 bluefish 7-11 pounds on diamond jigs at the Submarine Buoy and 853 pounds of porgies up to 3½ lbs. along the south side. Capt. Ronnie has been fishing the Montauk area for 15 years and just started chartering this year, specializing in inshore fishing for blues, bass and bottom fishing.

Capt. Frank Braddick of the charter-boat **Hurry-Up** had a pair of anglers from the Great South Bay area charter the boat on Thursday to catch some large fluke rather than the many shorts of the GSB. Frank took them to the south side and scored with 70 fluke, and that was with only keeping fish of 16 inches and over. The fluke averaged 2 to 3 lbs. and up to six. On Saturday night the boat fished the Submarine Buoy with umbrella rigs and took 40 bluefish 7 to 12 lbs. in a little over an hour and a half. L.I.F. offshore charter for sharks and giant tuna. One tuna was on but threw the hook on the first run, which gave the captain a burnt thumb for his efforts. But two mako sharks were taken, one a hundred pounds and a small 30 pounder that is being mounted by Island Marine Taxidermy. Two brown sharks in the 150 lb. class and a 200 lbs. dusky were also taken. Bonito were on top in the chum slick. The **Four Queens II** fished the Butterfish Hole in 190 feet of water south of the point.

The **Lake Montauk Marina** confirmed the excellent offshore action 105 degrees from Inner Shagwond buoy near Coxe's Ledge in 175 feet of water. Carl Neumeyer of the private boat **Brute** took a giant tuna of 739 pounds on Sunday in only 1½ hours. A bigger giant was on but threw the hook after 3 hours of fighting. The same boat took a tuna of 160 pounds and a 265 pound mako shark in the same area on Saturday. The charter-boat **Bronco** took a tuna 145 lbs. on Friday and on Sunday boated 10 school tuna in the 20 lb. class. The boats are fishing near the draggers for the spillage whenever they are around. Inshore the porgies remain plentiful and large all over the Point and south side areas. Fluke are also good on the south side and at buoy 5 off Rocky Point and of Jones. Bluefish are large at the Sub Buoy for trollers and chummers.

Freddie Shay at **Freddie's Tackle Shop** said that a few bass have been taken from the lighthouse but there

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George Williams with a 40 lb. cod which was the pool winner aboard the "Viking Star" while fishing at Coxes Ledge. Subscriber Club Photo.

has been a very big surf for a few days and the water is very dirty. Fluke have been very good from the surf at Gin Beach, but the weakfish seem to have left the area.

Capt. Paul Forsberh of the **Viking Star** said that the giant cod and pollack fishing remains very good at Cox's Ledge. The cod average 12 to 18 pounds and the pooler usually goes over 40. The **Viking Starlite** has been having excellent fluking for the half day trips in the North Rips and at Midway. Nite bluefishing has been sporadic, good one night, poor the next. The bluefish are the largest kind, 8 to 15 lbs.

All of the open boats going for porgies have been doing fantastic on the south side of the point. The fish are almost all large with a few nice seabass mixed in with the catches. Fluke also are large and plentiful for the open boats on the south side off Caswells and Ditch Plains.

Capt. Dick Vigilant has been doing his bluefishing at the submarine buoy lately rather than at Cartwright, which has been erratic. Umbrella rigs are mulitple fish almost every pass, particularly on the special evening charters that Dick has been running this year.

A physician from Massapequa fishing aboard Al Urbans' boat nailed a 50 pound lunker bass on a Lupo surface swimming Danny Plug. Details are lacking, but will follow in next issue.

Viking Skipper II has been around the lighthouse and getting porgies up to 3 lbs. "Satisfaction with the porgy action sums up the week." Not many

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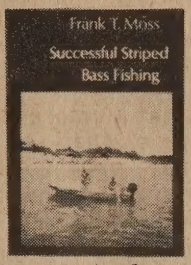

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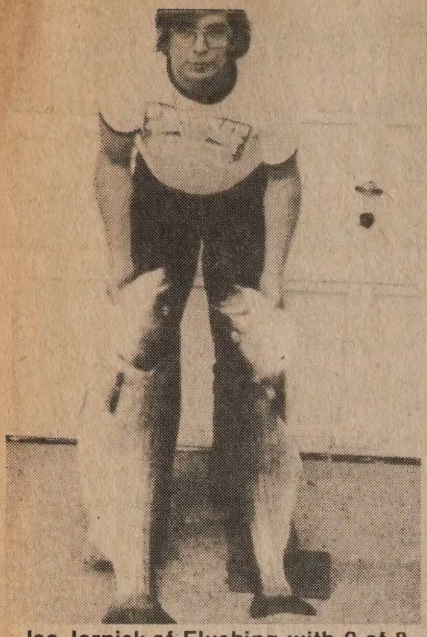

Joe Jernick of Flushing with 2 of 8 bass caught in Plum Gut drifting yellow bucktails. The bass shown in the picture weighed 40 and 26 lbs. Subscriber Club Photo.

anglers, if any were disappointed. Bloodworms have been doing a great job for anyone who can bring their own.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** told us that the porgy fishing has been holding up at Guardiners Island and in front of the station itself. The fish are of the same mixed sizes as last week. The weakfish seem to have departed the area, but small bluefish 1 to 2 lbs. have been popping up all over the area, particularly at Goff Point. Rebels and popping plugs are taking fish at both dawn and dusk.

SAG HARBOR

Barbara at the **Noyac Marina** said that porgies are anywhere that you drop a baited hook. Two thunderstorms put the fish off the feed on Sunday but the fishing picked right back up on Sunday. Weakfish are nich size and the boats are averaging about six fish while fishing for porgies with a top hook with squid strip for the weakfish. Best areas are off the Monastery, Long Beach and buoy 16. Loads of snappers all over the area and a few bluefish are being taken at night.

SHINNECOCK

Micky at **Altenkirch Tackle** said that the offshore fishing has been great west of Shinnecodk Inlet in water only 130 to 150 feet deep. All sizes of tuna are out there, some schools of 80 lbs. fish and some schools of 20's and a few giants. One 80 pounder was taken on Sunday on a 30 lb. outfit that took all of 2½ hours to bring to gaff. Bluefish are right outside the inlet and big bluefish are at the offshore buoy. Large fluke are plentiful right outside the inlet and one man took 36 keepers by himself. Fluke are also plentiful in all the channels and inlet area. Largest fish to be weighed in from the Bay on the weekend was a doormat of 11 pounds. Both of the **Captain Clark** boats have been doing a real job on large porgies in the Peconics. Plenty of nice size weakfish are also being taken with the porgies.

HAMPTON BAYS

Frank at **Frank's Fishing Station** said that it was a very good weekend for fluke. There are still shorts, but a lot of 3 and 4 pound fish have been coming in lately. Best area is at buoy 20 down to the inlet on incoming water with sandeels and squid for bait. Bluefish are being taken outside of Shinnecock Inlet west to Southampton on umbrella rigs. The blues average 5 to 6 pounds. Flounder are still at buoys 18 and 20 taking bloodworms, no chum, about 25 nich fish per boat in addition to the fluke taken when the current is moving.

MORICHES BAY

Linda at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** said that the fluke are very good and getting larger, up to five pounds. Boats are now averaging 8 to 12 nice keepers, and one boat had 29 on the weekend. Best areas are between buoys 36 and 42 and in the Elbow and

Charles Valillo of Patchogue with a 8 lb. fluke caught near buoy 39 on the outgoing tide drifting a sand eel. Photo courtesy of Seatuck Cove Marina.

John Kolsay, Howard Hubbard and Jack Delmond with 25 fluke and 1 blue they caught off of the Coast Guard Radio Station on sand eels and squid. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

off the sand bar near the Coast Guard Station. Best tide is the last tow hours of either, use any standard fluke bait. Flounder are still taking bloodworms off the Coast Guard Station and 300 yards off the public dock and the hole between buoys 42 and 43, which also contains a few nice weakfish and some blowfish.

Mark at the **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** said that the fluking has slowed down a little bit with the boats averaging a half dozen keepers. The fish are spread out all over the inlet area and are hitting on the last of the incoming and the beginning of the outgoing current. The larger fluke are taking sandeels and the smaller fish are taking spearing.

Bob Cole of **Moriches Bait and Tackle** told us that he had an unconfirmed report of a 19 pound doormat fluke taken over the weekend in Moriches Inlet. There is plenty of fluke between buoys 29 and 42 and fish spread out all over the bay. Blackfish 1 to 4 pounds are being taken around the rocks in Moriches Inlet. Big bluefish are hitting the beaches in the morning, evenings and at night and the surfcasters have been loading up. Some striped bass taken in

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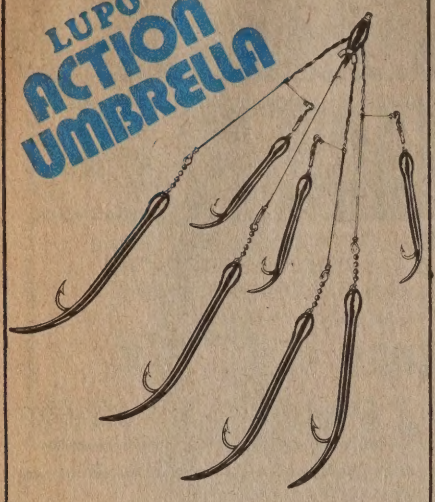

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the bay live lining bunker but the fishing has been sporatic. A few small seabass are mixed in with the fluke and are plentiful at the Smith Point Bridge. Everything that you can think of is offshore 3 to 10 miles—sharks, tuna, swordfish.

MASTIC BEACH

Gary at **Keenan's Fishing Station** reports its 50/50 keepers east of buoy 26 for fluke, on a flook tide on sand eels and live killies. The average is 15 keepers per boat. Small bluefish, in the two to three pound range are at buoy 17 hole, and are eating Hopkins or shrimp jigs tipped with squid. Lots of crabs from 17 to the bridge, all methods.

WEST SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station reports 2 pound blues and weaks up to 3 pounds off buoys 29 and 30 and south of Brown's River. Fluke are spotty with not many keepers, and very few kingfish.

Marty at **South Bay Fishing Station** reports a great week. Fishing about 1 mile southwest of the Browns River Jetty, there are weakfish from 3 to 7½ lbs. taking spearing and squid on a hi-lo rig, 2-3 lb. bluefish, and kingfish to 1½ lbs. all on the same hi-lo rig, all best on a flooding tide this week. Also try buoy 29 at Heckshire for the same fish. Lots of crabs off the dock and of good size too. Snappers to ¼ of a pound for the kids.

CAPTREE

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** reported great bluefishing at night but picky going during the day. The blues are good size and are only an hour-and-a-half run from the dock.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy V** said that the bluefishing pretty much collapsed on Thursday and has only been poor to fair since. Sunday was the best day fishing with a little better than 100 fish taken. The problem is that the bluefish are staying in one area, they have to be rediscovered each trip and are often skittich even when they are located. Best area has been south of the Jones Beach Tower in 75 feet of water. Frank Benedetto of Brooklyn took the first tuna of year aboard the **Speedy V**, a 19½ pounder.

The Captain Ben Litwin took loads of fluke aboard on both Saturday and Sunday from the Fire Island Inlet area and outside the inlet. Sandeels are now the best producing bait, particularly for the larger fish.

Capt. Bob Joseph of the **Capt. Joseph Fleet** said that the fluke fishing has really been holding up good and the throwback percentage is much better. The best area is just outside and inside the Fire Island Inlet when the weather permits, but the fish are all over the bay. Bluefishing has been erratic, good one day poor the next. Tuesday night was a massacre when a small crowd took over 500 fish 5 to 15 pounds. Best areas have been the NB buoy, off Cherry Grove and the Acid Waters, with spread out all over the waters in between.

Local surfcaster Bill Loesch dropped in to tell us of the two surfcasters that took 65 big weakfish and school bass at Democrat Point Friday night on sandworms. "They had the only worms on the beach and that's all the fish would look at," according to Bill. Bass 8 to 9 pounds were taken Friday evening on plugs and Hopkins. Loads of fluke in the surf, but mostly shorts.

The Captree Bait Station reports snappers at the piers on bobbers and small killies. Some fluke and flounder off the piers and at the bridge along with some weakfish on all tides on squid, sand eels and spearing, with weakfish being taken also on Tri-Fin Whiptails and shrimp jigs. A few kingfish, no blowfish.

The Lady Ann reports good fluke fishing and excellent sea bass catches on the wrecks. On Wednesday they

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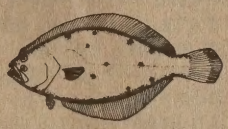

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Michael Pazienze (3) with the 12 lb. 8 oz. fluke caught by his father Joseph Pazienza out of the L&M Marine in East Moriches. Subscriber Club Photo.

took 60 fares out on a half day trip and wound up with 300 keeper size fluke. Sunday on a wreck trip the catch was over 400 sea bass and seven fluke from 2 to 5 lbs. The bluefishing has slowed and the nights are best.

OAKBEACH

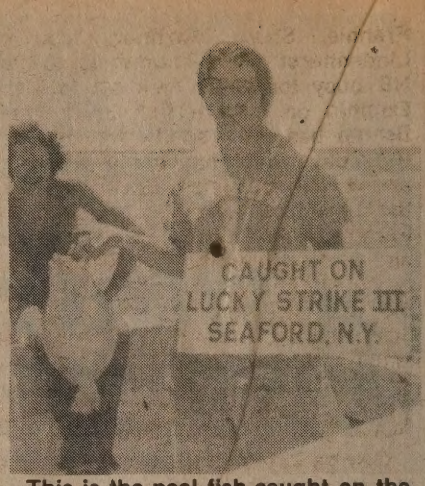
Bill at **The Store** says that blues are all over the place and they blitzed along with bass Thursday and Friday evening at Democratic Point for surf fishermen using Hopkins and Kastmasters, J-8's. Blues and birds have been working the inlet all week, especially the evenings. Lots of fluke in Fire Island Inlet and in the back on sandeels, killies and squid, on all moving water. Try the weakfish from 6 to 7 in the evening and 5-6 a.m.. Three to five pounders are delighting surfcasters on the Sore Thumb later in the evening after the boat traffic has died. The boaters are wirelining the weaks and blues. Offshore 2 to 3 miles southwest of the bell buoy, big blues are being chummed. Sharks are 8 miles out, while snappers and blueclaws (return the females) are at the pilings and breakwaters.

Mike's Fishing Tackle in Farmingdale reports that rich Bier had 12 keeper fluke in Fire Island Inlet in 2½ hours on Friday on incoming tide, using sand eels, fish running 1½-3 lbs. On Saturday Jerry and Vera French fished 7½ miles out of the inlet in 70 feet of water and loaded up on bluefish 3-7 lbs. on the last 2 hours of incoming. They used bunker chum and smelts for bait.

BABYLON

Walter at **Babylon Fishing Station** tells of good fluking with a fair number of keepers at Snake Hill Channel on incoming tide with killies, squid, and sandeels. On Wednesday a lot of weaks were taken between Islip and Heckshire on shrimp jigs tipped with squid. Lots of small crabs which in 2-3 weeks should be a lot bigger at the docks and in the flats.

This is 8 year old John Lawson with a 15 lb. bluefish taken aboard the Capt. Joseph IV. No one topped John so he also collected the $60 pool.



This is the pool fish caught on the "Lucky Strike III" by John Gerenser from Penn. on 7/16/75. Subscriber Club Photo.

Augie's Bait and Tackle informs us that the local tuna tournament saw first place go to the Tournament Anglers second place to Oakdale Anglers, third place to Eastern Anglers, and fourth place to the Freeport Tuna Club. This tourmanent was strictly for tuna. Dick Purcel of the Babylon Tuna Club had a 67.8 lb. tuna, and a 75 tuna fell to Ralph Perone. The womens division was won by Lil Palumbo with a 55.8 lb. tuna. A 560 tiger shark was landed by Bob Gerkin of Babylon in 180 feet of water southeast of the inlet, and this fish is being mounted by **Island Taxidermy**. Fluking at the Coast Guard Station and Snake Hill Channel on incoming tide is working best, with killies and squid, and sand eels. Bluefish are being taken in 45 feet of water off the lighthouse by trollers using umbrellas and tubes. Crabs are at the town dock along with snappers.

LINDENHURST

Duke's Tackle Shop reports crabbing very good at the town dock, Lindenhurst flats and the Captree bridge. Fluke are still active, with lots of small fish. Joe Uss of Lindenhurst and Phil Depinto of the Bronx had 11 keepers Saturday, to 4.4 lbs. at the lighthouse on incoming tide on spearing, sand eels and squid, along with catches of snappers to 1½ pounds. Sharking and tuna were good on Saturday, with Craig Stransky of Lindenhurst nailing a 75 lb. bluefin trolling feathers in 130 feet of water. Marty Goldstein of Copaigue bagged an 18.9 lb. allison tuna southwest of Jones Inlet in 120 feet of water on a butterfish while bluefishing on the

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Frannie. Steve Martinez, also of Lindenhurst while chumming at the NB buoy for blues took an 11.4 lb. Dolphin on a butterfish bait. Bluefishing has been spotty for the last three days which happens every year, and it will soon pick up probably by the time you read this report. Joe Paradiso fished a north shore for blues and while chumming at Center Island on bunker chunks caught jumbo blues 8.8 lbs., 9.7 lbs., and 12 pounds. Scattered and unconfirmed reports of kings and blows.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle tells of lots of snappers off the town docks with crabbing very good also from the town docks on east. Best for fluke seems to be Haunts Creek through Jones Inlet for the bigger fish. Try weakfish at Fort Neck Point and the Coapigue hole with small Hopkins or sand worm on a hi-lo rig at the first of the ebb. Some tuna 50-80 lbs. at the HA buoy in 130 feet of water on Wheezell jigs, red-white, and green-yellow. Bluefish 8-15 lbs. being trolled and chummed periodically off the NE buoy..

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser's Bait and Tackle reports the best bet for fluke is from 4 corners to Squaw Island on incoming with sand eels, killies and squid, with the fluke getting fatter all the time. For weakfish, try sand worms 3 feet off the bottom at the 3rd Wantagh bridge one hour on each side of slack water. Snappers are all over the area, and kids should head for Seaman's Neck Park and Wantagh Park. Crabs are showing well (Shame on them!).

Salice Boat Basin says that the fluke action has been very good from short beach to Florench Beach with outgoing tide apparently best, on sand eels, killies and squid, but throwback the babies, guys. Try either Gilgo Cut for 7-8 lb weaks on white bucktails. Try the Massapequa flats for great crabbing, but don't keep the females.

Captain Dave pigott of the **Lucky Strike III** reported fluke very good in Jones Inlet on all tides on squid and killies with fewer throwbacks and larger fish. Dave says that bluefish chumming offshore in the mornings are giving 5-8 lb. fish with an occasional 10 pounder.

MERRICK

LIF staffer Stu Miller was skunked Saturday while fishing nothing but artificials all up and down Jones Inlet while his ever-present wind was blowing from the northeast.

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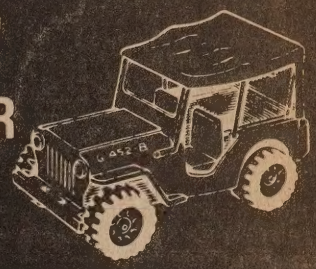

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Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports good catches of fluke from Neds Creek to Funday Bridge but only 1 out of 10 was keeper size. Rowboat Alley also produced several keepers along with many midgets. One angler had seven weaks on Saturday 6-8 lbs. at the last Meadowbrook Bridge fishing sand worms 3 feet off the bottom, at the height of boat traffic. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday excellent cathces of schoolie bass were chummed at the bridges, particularly the last Wantagh bridge. Jimmy informed me on Monday morning that the infamous G. Korn was out on one of his skiffs, still hunting the ellusive white fluke, which bit off Korns' leg while he was skinny dipping as a youth in Freeport creek.

George Mills, Ed Waldman, Ted Murphy and sons Ed and Tom with their catch aboard John Clark's "Falcon II." Their catch totaled 88 bluefish, from 9 to 20 pounds and were caught south of the Colar Banks. Photo courtesy of Jonas Bait and Tackle.

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

The **Starstream** really zapped the bluefish on Tuesday night. Fish were from 4-10 lbs. L.I.F. subscriber Tom bagged an 80 lb. hammerhead on the trip. Another fare had his reel destroyed by a large chopper—he then rigged a hand line and continued fishing boating 2 more blues before his skin wore out. Capt. Chris put his fares over fish due south of Fire Island. Blues have been spotty through the weekend, due to the moon tides.

Capt. Marty of the **Empire Fleet** had a Home Life Insurance Co. charter out on Saturday and did a leap job on fluke, mainly at the change of tide, boating 200 keepers with 9 over 5 lbs. One angler had 40 fish of which 18 were legal size. Sand eels and squid did it, inside of Jones Inlet. On Sunday, Paragon Sports was out, boating 3 dozen keepers, a little tougher fishing due to sea conditions. Capt. mike on **Empire** had blues on Sunday S/E of the inlet in 70' of water, 60 fish for 15 men, 4-8 lbs.

Capt. Jordan Hall of the **Dock One**, while shark fishing on Sunday 5 miles south of the H.A., had angler Warren Hangstrand, Jr. hook and land a 74 lb. white marlin. Warren of the Surf and Sea Anglers (Queens) is entering the Big Fish Contest, Marlin Division, held by **Island Taxidermy** and is having them do the mount. Six sharks were bagged, 45 miles out. On Saturday, while inshore bluefishing, Jordan took a dozen brown sharks 10 to 25 lbs. tagging and releasing same and 35 blues on lite tackle.

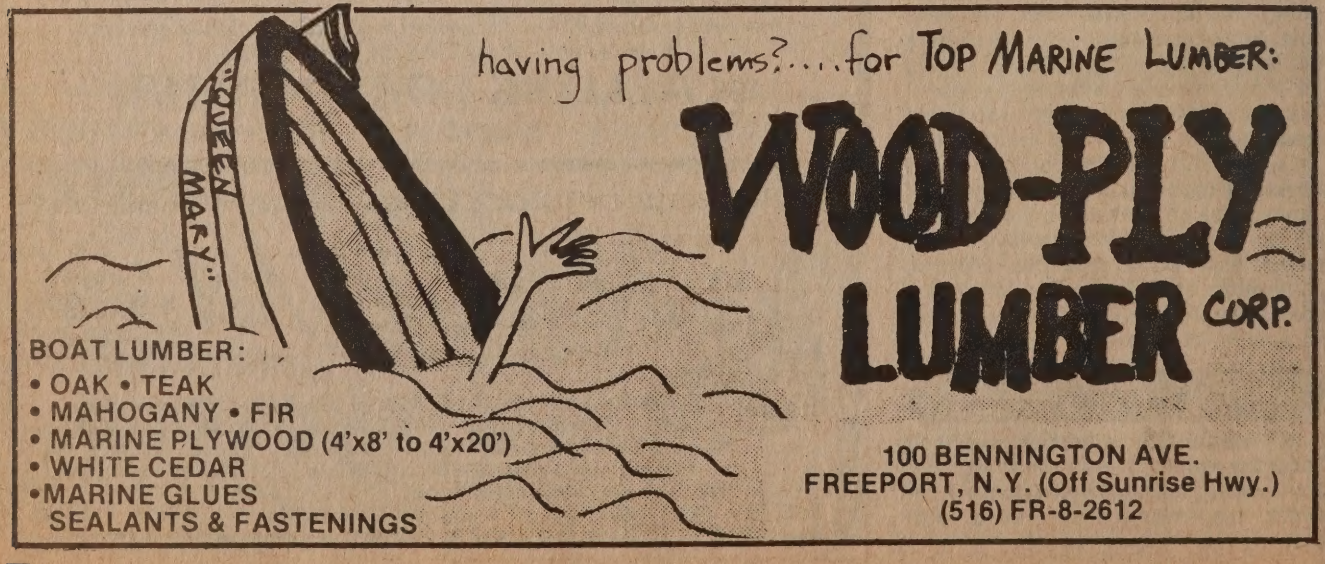
The **Capt. Al** reports bluefishing is hot and cold with the moon tides causing the schools to scatter somewhat. Tuesday nite and Friday nite were very good and Saturday was fair. Bluefishing should build up strong again this week, so go get your mini-monsters.

The **Aloma** has been doing well on the porgies and sea bass, despite unvavorable sea conditions all week. **Aloma II** is working on the fluke, catches fair to good and should be really good now that the ocean has layed down a bit and the strong moon tides are gone.

The **Capt. Lou II** which sails from the **Poop Deck Dock** on Wednesday had angler Ed Framer of Woodhaven bag a 12½ lb fluke, a 3½ lb seabass, a 5 lb. fluke and 9 other keepers. Thursday skipper Lou Di Blasio, the weathered veteran of Woodcleft Canal put angler Jim Reimer of North Bellmore on top of a 12 lb. fluke and 5 others averaging 4 lbs., fishing the Stone Barge.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports good fluking with a 4½ pound fluke now the winner in his Fishing Station's Contest. Several 3 pounders were brought in by his boats over the weekend. Try Jones Inlet, also east of the Meadowbrook bridge and Swift Creek these days for fluke on killies and squids.

Roy Flood at **Mako Marina** informs us that Joe Friel of Baldwin and crew on Saturday nailed 5 sharks, one of each kind, 140-150 pound and a 23.13 Dolphin, in 110 feet, 160 degrees out of the inlet on the Elizabeth. Captain Jim Lanzaretta on the **Nite Owl** on Saturday had over 40 tuna plus a half pail of green bonito, all trolled at the NB nuoy. Gene Krakauer on the Petril had several shark and a 16.4 blue bull



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Sharp shooter bluefisherman Mike Fanning of New Hyde Park on the Brothers Two again returned with 60 bluefish Friday night, as is his habit.

Hudson Point Marina reports a 150 lb. tiger shark and 2 duskys taken aboard the Love Machine by Brooks Graham and crew on Saturday at the HA.on chum. Vic Pasters did a job on blues trolling 30-40 feet of water with umbrella rigs.

Captain Bill Merschberger, running a night bluefishing trip on the **Blue Fin** on Friday night had 110 blues for 15 men, 2 anglers tied at 14 fish a piece. Fish ran from 2-8 lbs. and the action was six miles south of the inlet. Loads of sharks swam around the boat, but there were no fatalities.

POINT LOOKOUT

The **Brand X** reports day blues good and nite blues excellent earlier in the week, but slowed the latter part of the week due to the heave offshore. Saturday night was fair. Sunday was average. Try weekday nites, with fishing building this week.

The **Marie III** reports great fluke fishing especially on the local wrecks. Bluefish are picky but better at night. There are large schools of blues and bonito about 8 miles southeast of Jones Inlet. On Saturday night, a party of 17 sponsored by "Wild Bill"

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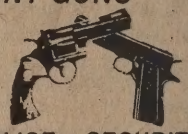

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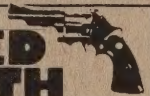

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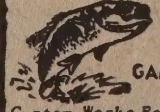

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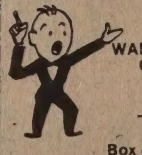

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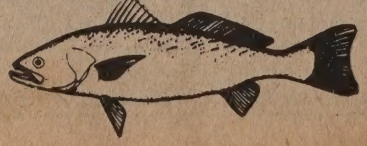

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of Ridgewood, had a mess of bluefish and 8 sharks. One shark was a tiger of 95 lbs.

Plenty of fluke! So say Marilyn Wardle of **Ed's Fishing Station**. The fluke are increasing in both size and quantity of keepers. All along Reynolds Channel is good but the mouth of the inlet by buoys 4 and 5 seems best. The flats and Fundy Bay are also coming alive with fluke although these fish are smaller. The snappers seem to be taking a firm hold as more and more kids are catching them. Their big brothers the blues were a hit or miss deal over the weekend. The private boats did well on Saturday off Fire Island inlet but Sunday was so-so. A few flounders were caught at Swift Creek by the diehards but this fishing seems to be terminating.

ISLAND PARK

Shearwater Capt. Don Eichin was sharking on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, nailing 13 sharks on Tuesday for Bud Greaney and party from Rockaway, another 13 for Frank Koebel and son Jeff of Malverne, all in 120' of water S/E out of Jones Inlet. Lack of wind (and drift) made sharking fall off drastically on Sunday but Drew Hall of Crossroads Sports, Don's charter for the day will try again. Don almost harpooned an estimated 200 lb. swordfish, but this critter sounded just in time and saved his hide.

Capt. Clem of the **Commodore** reports the fluke fishing continued excellent during the week, working Playland, Tin Can Grounds and Sandy Hook Channel. Pool fish went 5-8 lbs. The weekend was slower due to the heave boat traffic and the lack of courtesy shown the head boats by private boats, which crowd the large boats and make maneuvering tough. The average has been around 12 keepers per man, on sand eels, spearing, squid and strip baits. Porgies and snappers are really good in Reynolds Channel, along with pin bass and crabs. Clem advises anyone

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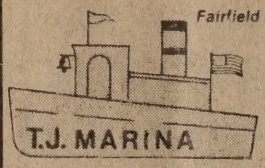

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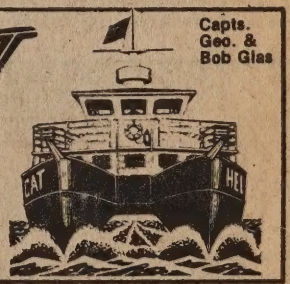

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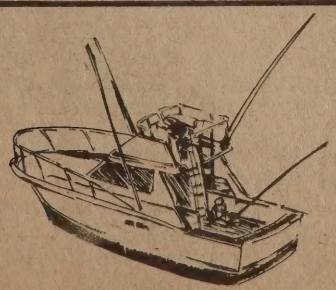

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Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook reports a good variety of fishing on the bay side of the West End Jetty. Weakfish of 3-9 lbs. are hitting small Hopkins, Kostmaster, Bingle Flex-Tail and other small plugs. A few small striped bass to 8 lbs. are ocassionally caught. Small blues are also in the same area. On the outside the trollers are working along the beach and scoring on blues 3-8 lbs. Fluke fishing seems to be mediocre but good sizes are still caught. These fluke are hitting most baits.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Kim's skipper Ronnie Lepper, out these days after "Jaws" reports monster fishing doing well—lots of hammerheads and tigers, few makos. The Debs Inlet sharpies are doing their thing on bass at Breezy Point on Lupo Umbrellas, in dark maroon or black. Tom Cranford took the 1st tiger shark on **Kim** this year a repeat of 1974. Ron had a sword in the slick on Friday, but couldn't bait e bugger due to the rough water. Lo of flying

fish. Try 100' of water for the monsters.

Leon at **Henning's Fishing Station** reports that one of his employees, Scott Weiss, went out with his boat on Sunday morning and caught a 20 lb. 5 oz. tuna. He trolled yellow feathers about 2 miles south of the NC buoy. Closer inshore there are some small sharks and bluefish to be had. Fluke are in good quantity from the inlet to the Long Beach High School. Although there are a lot of small fluke there are enough 3 and 4 pound fish to make it worthwhile. Some clam chumming for striped bass at the Bridge is still being done. Bucktailing in the inlet is still producing plenty of weaks. The outgoing tide is best but watch out for standing wave conditions when a strong southwest wind comes at the same time.

JAMAICA BAY

Noehren's Fishing Station reports there are snappers and crabs at the North Channel bridge. A few small sand porgies are starting to show there also. At night some anglers are snagging bunker and using them as bait for the 2 to 7 pound bluefish that are feeding on the bunker. The Sough Channel bridge has fluke for both the shore bound fisherman and those who have boats.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Jim of the **Anberjack IV** reports working Cholera and Klondike area for blues, which have been picky this past week due to the strong moon tides. He expect things to improve greatly this week.

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Capt. Huck of the new **Helen H** says the bluefishing, while a little picky early in the week, has been picking up and gathering momentum, especially

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the nite trips. The N.C. area has been giving forth 2-5 lb. fish, pool fish going 10 to 12 lbs. The strong moon tides had messed things up, but the fish are on a comeback now. Saturday night was very good and by the time you read these reports, action should be hot again.

Capt. Butch's **New Zephyr** is working out of porgies up to 1½ lbs. on a flood tide Saturday and Sunday with 2 and 3 at a clip not unusual; also blacks 5 and 6 lbs. Butch is working the Riis Park reefs. Butch said the weekend was "Triple good"—good fishing, good weather and good crowds.

Capt. Joe of **Blue Sea II** reports nite blues are good, but days picky last week. 50 people had 150 fish on Sunday, but Saturday nite was great, with over 300 choppers for 25 men from the Sanitation Dept. That was 2 miles S/E of the NC buoy. Wed. was a leap job, straining arms and backs.

The **Hi-Hook'a** Capt. Kim has had "plenty of keeper fluke" all through the week and weekend, 8-15 per man in his pet areas between Jersey and the point. Jim says the fish are fat and 90 percent are keepers, pool fish going 5-6½ pounds. They are eating crabs (anyone want to try crab bait for big fluke?) Saturday saw first time fluker Jay Gibson of the Bronx nail an 8½ lb. fluke for the pool and a lot of "good eatin'."

Bass, blues and weaks are all over waiting to be caught so says **Salvo's Bait and Tackle.** The boats are continuing to do well clam chumming for bass at the Varranzano Bridge. The anglers on the seawall are using worms or chunks or mackerel or bunker. Monster blues are being trolled at Norton's Point using umbrella rigs or Lupo bunker spoons. Underneath these blues are weakfish. Joe says he has the hottest lure for

them. It is called the Vinny and is made by Minnoe Lure Co. He says it is deadly.

George at **Bay End Dock** reports fluke are all over Jamacia Bay. These are hungry fish and are hitting on most of the usual baits. Striped bass and blues are being caught from the Rockaway Jetty to the Tin Can Grounds. The bass are hitting bucktails mostly. The blues are taking umbrella rigs and bucktails. At Coney Island they are hitting bunker or mackerel bait. Wealfish are being jigged in the Ambrose Channel. Snappers are throughout the bay. Porgies are starting to show.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop says the fluke are a 50/50 deal off the beach from Fort Wadsworth to Tottenville. Three to six inch snappers are in Great Kills Harbor while the 1-2 lb. blues are at South Beach, rock jetty at Great Kills Park and Princess Bay Tottenville area. Jumbo blues at night has slowed at the South Beach and Berger Avenue storm sewer. Striped bass on worms range from shorts to five pounds at Penny Beach. Boat fishing for bass in hot and heavy in Ambrose Channel from buoy 21 to Hoffman Island. Put the worms on the bottom. Worm fishing for weaks is good at Great Kills Harbot between the rock jetty and the bug light. Also at Mount loretta on the last three hours of the outgoing tide.

Charlie Sanacore caught this 31 lb. striper while fishing at South Beach, S.I. on cut bait. Photo courtesy of Santo's Sport Shop.

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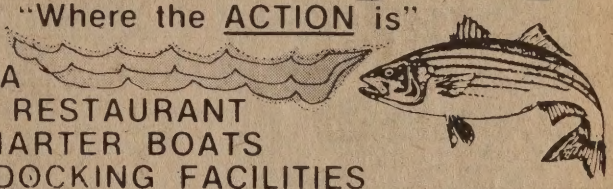

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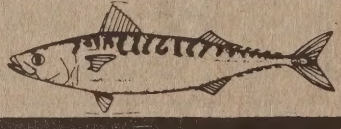

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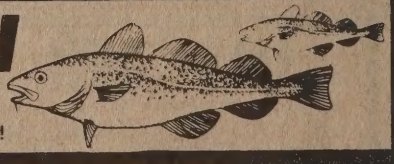

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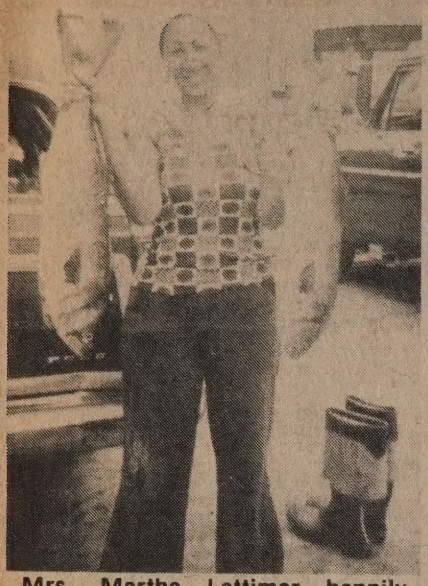

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NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

Art White's Bait Shop reports weaks are taking worms at Louies Beach, Pipes Cove and Greenport Jetty. Plenty of porgies at Green Hill on the east side of Gardiners Island. Some nice fluke are being taken there also. Trollers using surge tubes or drifting yellow bucktails are taking a good amount of striped bass between Gull Island and Old Silas rock. Blues are nothing to brag about but are coming along. Plenty of snappers in the bay. Blackfishing has come alive in the L.I. Sound using fiddlers or sand worms. Worm fishing for striped bass there is also increasing.

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SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports the fishing has improved vastly. There are lots and lots of porgies at Hay Beach, near buoy 10 and in the Jessups Neck area. Quite a few weaks of 2-3 lbs. have been taken on worms at the Painted Rocks, Greenlawn and buoy 17. Bigger weaks are at the Brickyard. The Race has blues deep on rigged bait. L.I. Sound striped bass fishing is on the upswing. These fish are taking worms from the beach all the way to Orient Point.

NEW SUFFOLK

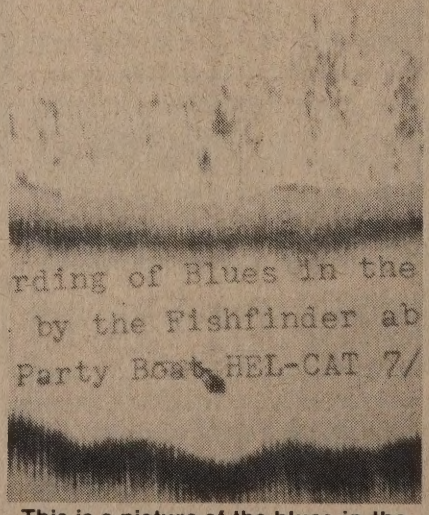
Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports very good weakfishing at Rose Grove. One boat with two men caught 132 weaks to 4 lbs. there. They were using worms on a high hook. Porgies are plentiful and everybody is happy about them. Try buoys 22 and 23. Some nice sized snappers of 12 inchs are in the bay and are hitting squid bait meant for weaks. Every boat seems to come in with 2 or 3 kingfish of better than 1 pound.

JAMESPORT

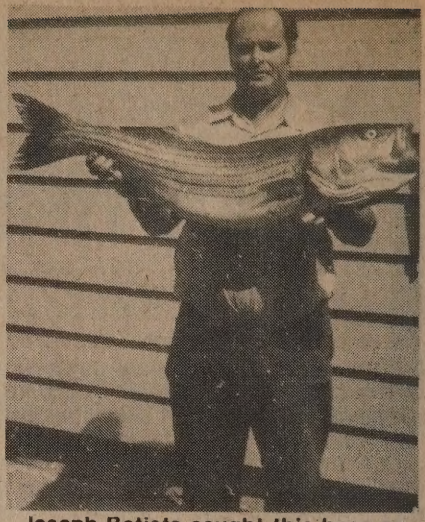
Jamesport Bait and Tackle reports the porgy fishing is very good and they are all over. Weakfishing is spotty but they are bigger and more plentiful towards Southold. Snappers are taking small lures and they are all over. Snapper blues of 1-2 lbs. range from Nassau Point to Riverhead.

WADING RIVER

They are catching buckets of porgies according to **Wildwood Deli.** Snappers are also plentiful. An ocassional striped bass is also being taken. All these fish are taken on sand worms.



This is a picture of the blues in the race on a depth recorder which moves about one inch in 4 minutes so you can really see the concentration of blues. Photo courtesy of the Hel-Cat.



Joseph Batista caught this bass on live bunker at the north tip of Hart's Island. Photo courtesy of Jack's Bait and Tackle.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Pretty good porgy fishing says **Dick's Sporting Goods**. There are also some fluke being taken both in the harbor and near the beach. Squid, sand eels or spearing fish during moving water or the first half of the outgoing tide is best.

PORT JEFFERSON

The **Betty W** reports the porgy fishing was hot and cold. On Saturday weakfish of 4-8 lbs. were mixed with the catch of porgies, fluke and blues. Plenty of blues moved in on Saturday and they are large. The **Betty W** will run as an open boat for blues every night starting on Friday August 1.

Port Jefferson Sport Shop reports blues are in the harbor taking bunker chunks. Out at the Middle Grounds some larger ones are being trolled. Porgy fishing is still good. Snappers are in heavy and can be taken from the beach using shiners. Fluke are still being taken on Mount Misery Shoal using sand eels. There has been reports of weakfish taken in the L.I. Sound using the Tri-Fin Eel jigged.

SMITHTOWN BAY

Blues of 4 to 5 lbs. have been trolled deep off Craves Neck according to **Commack Sports Center.** This action has been spotty with your best bet being umbrella rigs. Pat and his father fished off the bluff near Long Beach and caught a nice batch of 1-1½ lb. sea bass on worms.

NORTHPORT

Blues are taking bunker bait on the surface at Prices Bend and the entrance to Northport Harbor says Pete at **Greenlawn Sport Shop.** These 8-12 pound blues are being taken in the early morning. There are tons of small snappers and they hit best on small Kostmasters.

HUNTINGTON

George at **Fouir Winds Tackle** said there are still striped bass around. His wife caught one of 28 lbs. on live bunker at Lloyd Harbor. Bluefish are being trolled very deep in 35-40 feet of water from buoy 11B to the Lilco loading platform. These blues go to 15 lbs. and want very big Sekora Tubes. Smaller tubes means smaller fish. Bluefish are hitting bunker schools steady at Lloyd Harbor and Marshall Field in the very early morning. Clam chummers at Eatons Neck continue to score well. Good porgy and weaks are taking sand worms from Centerport to Sand City on a hi-lo rig. Snapper blues of 1½ lbs. have been jigged on Scotty rig near Duck Island.

Don Constantin of the Ever Ready Fleet reports good bluefishing all week in the early morning hours. They have had them to 19½ lbs. on bunker chunks. Bottom fishing remains good with weaks coming on strong. Don is going for blues every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday nights for blues only from 7 to 11 P.M.

GLEN COVE

John at **Glen Cove Sports** said there were sporadic big blues near Maxwells. School blues of 4 and 5 lbs. are feeding on snappers on the surface. Find them on the surface and use small light colored poppers, Mirro Lure #33 or live line a snapper for fast action. Snappers are everywhere and getting bigger. They will take either lures or bait. Striped bass fishing is still best with a worm spin rig but you must work for them with plugs.

PORT WASHINGTON

Good all around fishing according to **Morelands Bait and Tackle**. Weaks and snappers are at Prospect Point and in the bay. Blues are at Stepping Stones, Fort Tolten and buoy 32A. They are taking tubes and bucktails. Porgies are at most sandy beaches and will hit worms and squid.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait and Tackle said big blues have been caught right from his

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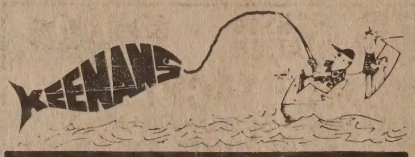

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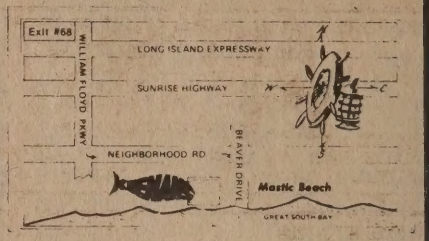

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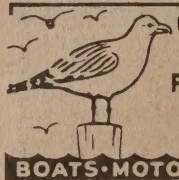

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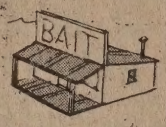

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Al and Neil Brescia caught these and 11 more blues aboard the "Helen H" of Sheepshead Bay. The blues weighed 10 lbs. and up. Subscriber Club Photo.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

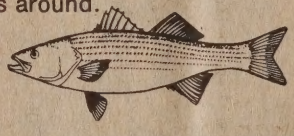
In the Mamoroneck area porgie fishing is on the upswing. The average here is 30 fish per boat from the breakwater. Bass are on chunk baits on Table Rock and Scotch Caps.

By Rye there are mixed bags of fish such as fluke, weaks, blackfish and porgies. Trolling worms close to shore provide bass action. There are snappers everywhere.

In the Byram area there are plenty of bunker in the area. Blues on chunk baits are just outside the harbor. Porgies are good here. There are much too many snappers.

Greenwich has good blackfishing throughout the area. Chunk baits at night provide blues and bass. Porgies are at Todds and Captains Island.

There are plenty of blues off Shippan on chunk baits in the Stamford area. There are also a few weaks around.

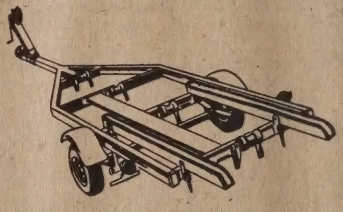


NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

In and around the Staten Island area there are small blues all over Princess Bay. Boatmen are producing stripers to 12 pounds at Hoffman Island and Burger Avenue on bucktails. There are also plenty of weaks on worms at buoys 35 and 39.

Stripers on live bunker and live eels are in the spotlight in the Sandy Hook area. They're close in shore and going to 39 pounds. Small blues are plentiful and there is good weakfish at Leanardo.

In the Seabright area striper action is good close to shore all the way to Monmouth Beach. Boat fishermen working the jetties are producing on eels and bunker with an occasional weakfish for a change of pace.



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TIDE TABLES

ON →	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGEPORT	
DAY	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
7/31 THURSDAY	1:34	2:07	3:34	4:08	4:57	5:22	5:29	5:55
8/1 FRIDAY	2:27	3:02	4:32	4:59	5:51	6:17	6:26	6:50
8/2 SATURDAY	3:30	4:03	5:29	5:52	6:49	7:16	7:25	7:48
8/3 SUNDAY	4:37	5:09	6:27	6:42	7:53	8:17	8:25	8:44
8/4 MONDAY	5:43	6:05	7:18	7:33	8:58	9:18	9:18	9:37
8/5 TUESDAY	6:40	7:00	8:07	8:23	9:58	10:16	10:11	10:27
8/6 WEDNESDAY	7:32	7:48	8:55	9:12	10:53	11:09	10:59	11:17
8/7 THURSDAY	8:19	8:36	9:42	10:01	11:44	—	11:47	—

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

NEW LONDON

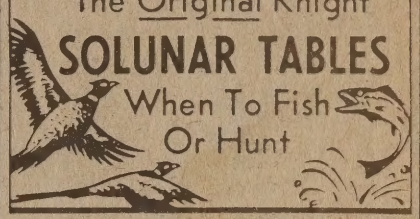
Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet −0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES When To Fish Or Hunt



The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M.		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
7/31	11:30	**5:40**	11:50	**6:00**
8/1		**6:25**	12:15	**6:50**
8/2	12:35	**7:10**	1:05	**7:35**
8/3	1:20	**8:00**	1:50	**8:25**
8/4	2:10	**8:50**	2:40	**9:20**
8/5	3:00	**9:45**	3:35	**10:15**
8/6	3:55	**10:35**	4:30	**11:05**
8/7	4:45	**11:30**	5:20	**11:55**

PHASES OF THE MOON

8-7	8-13	8-21	8-29
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

8-6	6:02	8:09
8:12	6:07	8:02
8-18	6:13	7:54
8-24	6:19	7:46

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#3 Buddy Holmes, 51.10, Merrick Marine

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